REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Untitled aka Photos Of Victim

Other Known Title: Photos Of Victim

Format: Computer Image File Printout

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: Not Stated

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

Date of entry in Register: 17 May 2007

Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 700514

Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer image file printout *Untitled aka Photos Of Victim* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication exploits the nudity of a child or young person. The printout contains three photos of a naked boy. The boy's unnatural pose and unlikely genital nudity in the context of the settings of the photos, invite a sexualised reading of the printout and suggest a salacious intent.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, as set out in section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This outcome is consistent, however, with Parliament's intention that publications that blatantly exploit the nudity of children are deemed to be objectionable because their availability is likely to be injurious to the public good. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that seriously undermine the rights of children.